

## **START OF CLASS II ROAD RESTRICTIONS AND POSTED ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

Class II roadway restrictions begin in Zones 1 and 2 Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 12:01 AM. The Class II restrictions remain in place in Zones 3, 4, and 5. During this time when some pavements and base materials are at their weakest due to the freezing and thawing cycle occurring, most divisible load multiple trip permits exceeding legal axle weights or 80,000 pounds are suspended.

Multiple trip permits for overweight divisible loads are suspended during Spring Thaw, except for those permits with numbers beginning "RS" or "PS". In addition, "RS" permits, i.e., those raw forest permits authorizing a maximum GVW of 98,000 lbs on six axles, may operate on "Class II Highway" and even on posted State and US highways; bridge, local road, town road and county highway postings must be obeyed. Single trip permits and multiple trip permits for non-divisible loads may not exceed legal weight if traveling on "Class II Highway" and may not exceed posted weight on any road or bridge.

Posted road restrictions will likely begin in some counties as early as early March.

- During the spring thaw period established by WisDOT, the RS Permit allows transport on any highway that is a marked State or US route including those posted to limit weights seasonally in connection with thawing of frozen roads. RS permits also remain valid during spring thaw on all other public roads but are subject to all posted weight limits, including seasonal limits. RS Permits are not valid on Interstate highways.
- RS permits do not authorize exceeding posted weight limits, except for seasonal limits on marked State or US routes in connection with thawing of frozen roads.

Current divisible load permits are valid during the time period between when the Frozen Road Declaration ends and the Class II restrictions begin.

Additional information on Class II road restrictions or posted roads program can be found at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation web site at: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/home.aspx> then click on "DOING BUSINESS", then "Local government", then "Highway maintenance", then "Winter Maintenance", then "Weight restriction programs".

\* <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/com-driv-vehs/mtr-car-trkr/osowgeneral.aspx>

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